

Medicaid & Exchange Advisory Committee (Board)
Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2020

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Committee Members Present

Jessa Barnard
Lisa Draper
Devon Green
Mike Fisher
Dale Hackett
Sharon Henault
Rebecca Heintz
Helen Labun
Erin Maguire
Kirstin Murphy
Julie Tessler
Jason Williams

DVHA Staff Present

Cory Gustafson
Addie Strumolo
Nissa James
Zack Goss
Alicia Cooper

Other Interested Parties

Susan Gretkowski
Kelly Barnier
Pam McCarthy
Lucie Garand
Sarah Steel
Bill Lambrukos
Alexandra Sosnowski
Betty Morse

*This meeting was held by conference call only.

Documents

- Advisory Committee 5_11_20 Agenda.pdf
- Advisory Committee PPT 5_11_2020.pdf
- Preliminary Results HCA COVID-19 Survey.pdf
- Key Points from Open-Ended Survey Questions.pdf

*All are posted to the [Vermont Health Connect website](#)

Convene

Devon Green and Erin Maguire chaired the meeting

Roll Call, Quorum, Agenda Preview

Zack Goss, Health Care Training and Communication Manager

- Upcoming meeting Agendas to be determined due to public health emergency

Approval of Minutes

April meeting minutes were approved.

Health Care Advocate Survey Results

Mike Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Vermont Legal Aid

Please see the *Preliminary Results HCA COVID-19 Survey.pdf* and *Key Points from Open-Ended Survey Questions.pdf* that the Office of the Health Care Advocate prepared to inform the Advisory Committee of the results from the most recent survey conducted to assess impacts of COVID-19 for Vermonters.

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COVID-19 Special Enrollment Period for Uninsured Vermonters - Extended

Addie Strumolo, Deputy Commissioner (DVHA)

The State of Vermont has extended the COVID-19 Special Enrollment Period (SEP) to June 15, 2020 for those who do not currently have health insurance to enroll in a qualified health plan and receive premium and cost-sharing assistance, if eligible.

Consumer perspective and questions regarding COVID-19 Emergency

Topics included:

- Data collection and analysis;
- Increase in Telehealth services—current impacts, current and future implications, access to health care concerns and additional challenges for providers and customers as telehealth adoption increases rapidly;
- Continuing the conversation at future meetings to ensure the Consumer voice is represented.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Next Meetings

June 22, 2020

July 27, 2020

Time: 10:00AM – 11:00AM

Site: Meetings will be convened through Skype due to the State of Emergency produced by COVID-19 until further notice.

Please visit the Advisory Committee website for up-to-date information:

http://info.healthconnect.vermont.gov/advisory_board/meeting_materials

Additional Information:

<https://dvha.vermont.gov/covid-19>